NIAGARA NEWS

Published by the Journalism-Print Program, Niagara College, Welland, Ont.

NIAGARA COLLEGE
of Applied Arts and Technology
WELLAND CAMPUS
LEARNING
RESOURCE CENTRE

Vol. 16, No. 8
Jan. 27, 1986
12 pages

Weather
Windy, colder
except when
calm, warmer

Club members upset by finances of NBMA

By WAYNE NICHOLLS
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council has asked the Niagara Business Management Association to bring in their books following complaints from student members about the club's standing.

Ken Winer, vice-president of internal affairs, said eight "concerned" members have asked for the resignation of club president Dino Giammarco and are circulating a petition to show the majority of the club agrees.

The Niagara News could not reach Dino for comment.

He said NBMA has an outstanding debt for a trip and some members said they were not sure if a winner was declared after the club was supposed to have organized a raffle.

Ken and Wayne Willis , executive vice-president, are looking into the problems and have been waiting for Dino to bring the books in since Jan. 10, Ken said.

In November, the last time SAC heard from the club until the complaints, it had 70 members and charged a $5 membership fee, Wayne said. "We are not making any accusations but are exercising our rights to call in their books."

BILL UNPAID

SAC received an outstanding bill for $166 from Farr's Coach Lines for a trip the club took on Nov. 14 to the Toronto Stock Exchange. "They are responsible for the funds and they will be forced to pay or legal action will be taken," Ken said. "The problem is we don't know where the money is. They are supposed to deposit their money into an account which SAC has signing rights to," he said.

"The books may end up in order but I am led to believe there is a problem because Dino is reluctant to come forward with his books," Ken said.

A raffle for a bicycle was to be held in an effort to raise money for the club. The students told me there had been a raffle organized but "at this point we have no idea if the raffle was finished or if the bike was ever won," Ken said. "If I have to, I will go to every member of that club and ask how many tickets were sold."

Both Ken and Wayne said they were going to try to handle the situation themselves but if they couldn't, they would call Hugo Bessems, student liaison officer, and Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services, for advice on legal action.

Colleges consider changes

Educational institutions are being forced to change in response to changing federal and provincial government policy.

Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services, said education must respond to the new needs of a new society and this topic will be the basis of the 1987 conference of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges to which Niagara College plays co-host.

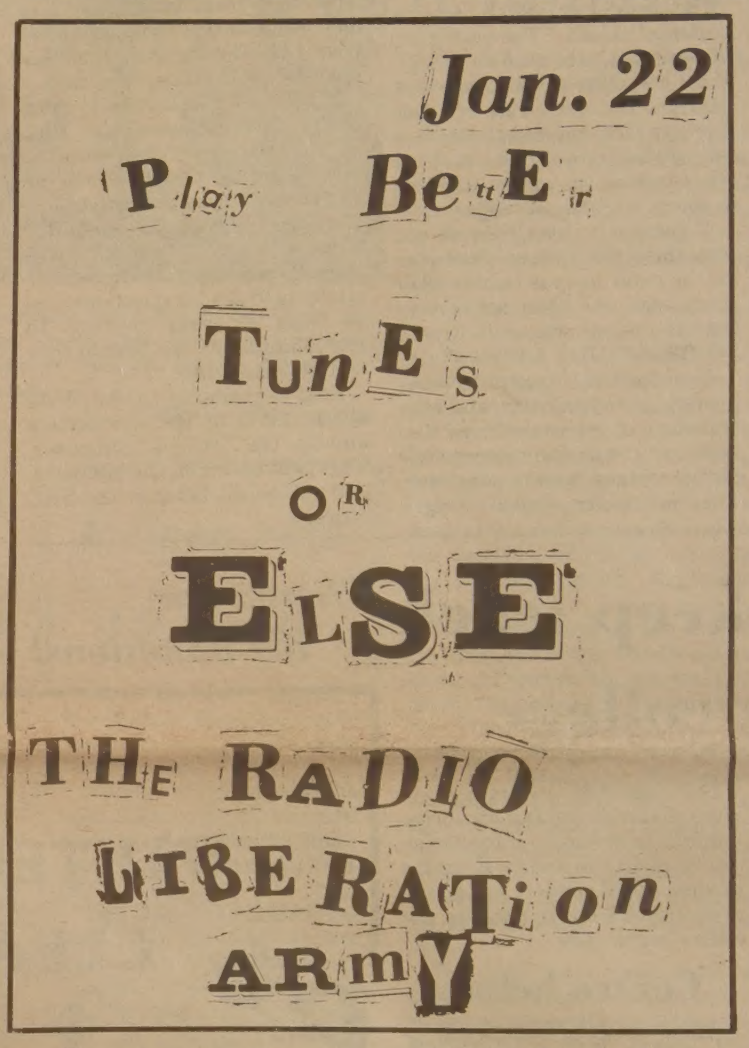
The four Golden Horseshoe Colleges — Conestoga, Mohawk, Niagara, and Sheridan — have pooled their financial and manpower resources to mount "what we hope will be the best and biggest ACCC conference in history," Dr. McCardell said.

The theme of the conference, held in Hamilton, June 2-4, 1987, is Education in an Entrepreneurial Society, and Dr. McCardell, program committee chairman, hopes the content "will be catalytic in creating changes — positive changes in college education in Canada."

WRITES LETTER

The conference, geared to instruction, is a "macro-interpretation of entrepreneurship," Dr. McCardell said in a letter to all college employees. "A restricted, micro-interpretation relating the concept to only small business does not grasp the breadth of the concept we hope to find expressed in our formal conference presentations," her letter said.

Should we be singing a different tune?



This note was one of two messages which were slipped under the locked door of the journalism newsroom last Wednesday. The other message warned of a "serious" outcome if CRNC, the campus radio station, does not play different music.

By SEAN CONDON
and BRIAN TRACY
Staff Writers

Security has been doubled in the journalism department since a terrorist letter, warning of dire consequences, was sent to the Niagara News last week by a group of poor spellers "dissatisfied with the selection of music being played on campus radio."

An envelope addressed to "EDITOR IN CHARGE, NIAGRA NEWS, NIAGRA COLLEGE" (sic) was slipped under the locked door of the newsroom last Wednesday evening. When the envelope was opened Thursday morning, two notes from an organization calling itself the Radio Liberation Army were inside: one, a cut-and-paste letter reminiscent of the Red Brigade, demands "better tunes or else;" the other, written in at least three different styles of handwriting, reiterated the demand and asked that it be printed in this issue of the Niagara News.

The second letter says the RLA is "*not* joking. We have serious intentions.

"If our demands our (sic) not met the outcome could be serious to all those employed at Niagara News and Campus Radio."

The RLA said demands had been sent to CRNC, the campus radio station, but a search of staff offices and the radio facilities proved fruitless.

Larry Taylor, co-ordinator of radio and television broadcasting, expressed concern over the situation and declined use of CRNC's airwaves as a forum for the terrorists.

"By publicizing it, you're playing right into their hands," Mr. Taylor said.

Austin Jelbert, co-ordinator of journalism-print and editor-in-chief of the Niagara News, said security at the newsroom "has been doubled." Now, he plans on locking the doors twice before leaving the newsroom.

If the wave of radical action continues, Mr. Jelbert said Maxwell Smart, Agent 86, may be "called in to staunch the bloody flow of terrorism which is staining this college."

Wide variety of summer jobs available to students this year

By MICHELLE MUYLAERT
Staff Writer

Students who want to get the jump on finding a summer job will find numerous openings in the placement office.

Gordon McPherson, placement officer, is optimistic about a high placement rate for students this summer. "The summer job situation was great last year and I think it will be the same this year."

He said it is necessary for students to apply early for certain jobs. "For instance many camps will have deadline dates for applications."

A summer spent working with troubled youth could be rewarding and provide invaluable experience. Project DARE needs waterfront, summer sailing and outdoor recreation instructors to work with troubled youth in an outdoor setting.

Students can enjoy a summer on Georgian Bay as an historical interpreter at the historical naval and military establishments or Sainte Marie among the Hurons.

Although jobs are open to all students some are more suited to those in certain programs and they will be notified first, Mr. McPherson said.

SINGERS ETC NEEDED

Those looking for a little glamor may want to audition for a position at Canada's Wonderland. They need 200 singers, dancers and instrumentalists for the seasonal live musical shows. Even if you have two left feet and cannot carry a tune, Wonderland has positions for lighting, technicians, audio engineers, electronics specialists, costumers, dressers, wardrobe clerks and stagehands.

Ontario Place has 800 positions available for everything from attractions to emergency first aid.

General Motors is accepting applications from students returning to school. Those interested should apply at the Canada Employment Centre at 43 Church St., St. Catharines within the next few weeks.

A unique opportunity to join an international workcamp may be an option for some students. The camps invole eight to 20 volunteers from around the world working together on a community project such as construction, renovation, nature, conservation, piecework, archaelogy, and helping the handicapped and the elderly. Because participation in the workcamps is voluntary, it is not an option for many.

"A lot of students depend on their summer jobs to pay for next year's tuition," Mr. McPherson said.

See jobs page 3

Donor clinic successful

One hundred and ten people donated in the first hour of Niagara College's 16th annual Blood Donor Clinic last Thursday.

By 1 p.m., 250 people had donated and first-year law and security students were said to be turning out in droves.

"It was an excellent clinic," Marjorie Frith, of the Welland Red Cross Society, said. "The Student Council is to be congratulated."

NIAGARA COLLEGE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Students travel to Montreal

Niagara College tourism and hotel and restaurant students will travel to Montreal Feb. 14 to attend what has been billed as the largest most exciting student conference in North America.

Hospitality Update '86 is a "convention of the hospitality industry for hospitality students," tourism co-ordinator Marie Rennie said. The conference is a chance for students to participate in lectures and workshops, and meet leading figures in the industry.

This is the first-year Niagara tourism students have attended the convention, founded by students in the hospitality and tourism programs at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. Hotel and restaurant students have attended in past years.

The conference offers culinary competitions and career symposiums by industry suppliers, hotel and restaurant administration co-ordinator John Peacock said. "The conference is primarily a student function, organized by students."

Students will travel to Montreal by a special "Ryerson express" train from Toronto. The whole $229 bill for the weekend will be paid for by the students.

SAC to publish events in Knight Life paper

The Student Administrative Council will be producing its first newsletter by the end of this month. Its focus will be on events going on at Niagara College campuses, Ann Buller, activities co-ordinator, said.

"We are not trying to be a newspaper," Ann said. SAC is hoping to produce something "lighthearted but factual," giving students information on planned activities going on at all the campuses.

The newsletter will be "for the students' benefit." The main goal, she stressed, is to publish the different activities in the college that students are not aware of. Ann said she feels the newsletter is a way students could find out about other areas of the college and keep in touch with the satellites.

"I think it's about time we got something like this out, not just for the main campus but for all of them," she said. "Niagara is more than the main campus."

TO BE KNIGHT LIFE

Ann herself, executive vice-president Wayne Willis, and vice-president of internal affairs Ken Winer will be entirely responsible for the writing, layout and editing. The newsletter, called Knight Life, will be published in pamphlet form. Ann hopes it will be about four pages long and will be published every two weeks, but that depends on the cost and response. At press time, SAC had still not decided on a publisher for the newsletter.

"A lot depends on the satellites' co-operation," Ann said. "We want all the satellites to participate."

Satellite campuses have been asked to pick out a "reporter" who will be responsible for getting any information the satellites want published in the newsletter into the SAC office, Ann said.

Students will be invited to bring in items for the newsletter, such as letters to the editor, with the understanding that they will only appear if they are acceptable and if there is enough room for the letter.

Ann wants to encourage students to send in questions, and as long as they pertain to something SAC can handle they will be looked into.

SAC is planning to distribute about 1,000 of the newsletters among the various campuses. They will be left in the hallways, and will be available at the SAC office.

Bill 82 may provide jobs for ERT grads

By ELIZABETH LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

A new government bill which took effect in September may open up even more jobs for educational resources technician graduates.

Bill 82 means local school boards must provide access to public education for the physically and mentally handicapped, Elvira Lucas, program co-ordinator, said. Before this policy change, parents had to send their handicapped child to special schools, often out of the country.

Assisting people with varying degrees of academic abilities and multiple handicaps is part of the training the ERT students receive at Niagara. These skills will be more in demand from school boards needing teachers' aides now that the bill has been implemented, Mrs. Lucas said.

Two years ago, even before Bill 82, Mrs. Lucas surveyed 94 school boards. Ninety were hiring teachers' aides, she said.

An ERT graduate "facilitates the learning process" by researching resource and support materials and "just being a loving person" available to help out handicapped children and adults, Mrs. Lucas said.

Unique

The technicians work in two main areas: in schools and in residences or homes for the handicapped and elderly.

Niagara's program is unique among Ontario's community colleges, Mrs. Lucas said. Community involvement and intense work experience are integral to the two-year program. Most students have jobs by Christmas in their second year and placement is usually 100 per cent, Mrs. Lucas said. Other colleges are looking at developing similar programs.

In their second year, students put in 30 to 40 hours a week in practical experience.

One-on-one

On top of their classroom work, each student is assigned to one child who is having problems handling school work. The student visits the child's school twice a week for five months, giving one-on-one help using instructional games and planned lessons developed by the student. This is similar to a teachers' aide's job, Mrs. Lucas said.

The versatile training ERTs receive qualifies them for jobs in residences and homes for the handicapped. Many second-year students work part-time in these facilities on top of their regular work load, Mrs. Lucas said.

Integration of the handicapped into the rest of society, in schools and other activities, presents a more positive image of them and helps to break down the myths many people still have.

Computers keep track of students, college

By SEAN CONDON
Staff Writer

Student records, report cards and timetables all come from the same place — the college's Computer Centre.

The centre, located in the Lundy Building of the Welland campus, is the storage base for up-to-date information on college finances, personnel and student movements.

"We pick a student up at the point of application," Louise Bardswich, manager of the centre, said of the record-keeping process. "From there, we keep track on the student's progress."

The centre keeps the latest stats on the student registration, course classload, and student transcripts. Modern technology has made the task easier than it used to be; in 1982, the centre switched to an on-line system with the registrar's office. Now, updated facts and figures can be punched directly into the centre's system.

The old method of having documents sent over and individually recorded when administration was finished with them was "time-consuming and not timely," Ms. Bardswich said. "There was always a time lag."

She said the on-line system gives chairmen and faculty almost immediate access to information on classload and marks. Even if a student who applied for a program decides not to register, the centre keeps tabs.

Centre helps

While "student records are by far our largest system," Ms. Bardswich said the centre handles matters of finance and personnel. Staff at the centre helps administration and faculty who wish to develop their own systems.

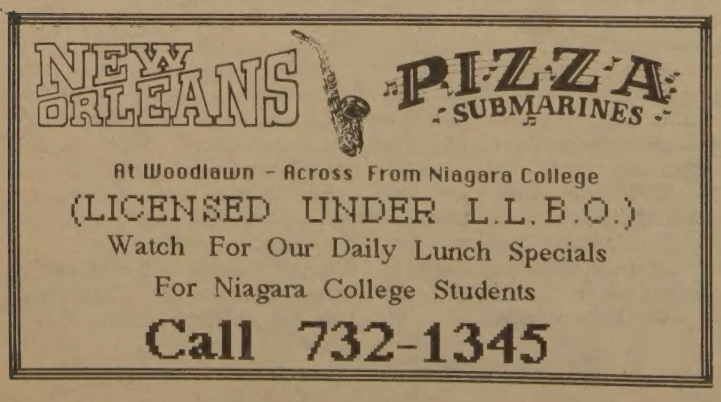
"We are really here only as a service group," the manager said. "If there is something co-ordinators and chairmen want, we will develop programs to make it work."

She cited the setup of the student records system as an example of Computer Centre-college interaction. "We talked to them (administration) to find out their needs, and then we designed the system."

Another move the computer centre is trying to work out is an on-line system with the college's micro-computer labs.

"We're not concerned so much with what people are doing, but with how they're using their resources," Ms. Bardswich said.

Thanks for the donations!



FASHION CLUB
WINTER CLEARANCE SALE
25% off on fashion
sweaters, stirrup pants, and tube skirts. So come in now and save during our Winter Clearance Sale.
operated by fashion arts · niagara college · woodlawn road welland ontario ·
NIAGARA COLLEGE · SINCE 1967 · REGION OF NIAGARA

3rd PAGE

Starting Feb. 4, there will be nine new faces in amongst the Niagara Regional Police. Second-year students of the law and security administration program recited their oaths of service and were sworn in as cadets last Tuesday. New cadets, front row: Tim Oberfrank, Dave Harris, Ian Denis and Karl Roberts. Back row: Paul Fliss, Cheryl Goulding, Anders Hansen, Sonya Payne and Thomas Haylock.

Photo by Sean Condon

Cadet program offers experience for future

That young cadet, with the yellow and black hat band, directing traffic, walking the beat, or answering the phones in the station, just may be one of nine Niagara College law and security students working with the Niagara Regional Police Force.

Until last year, cadets could be anyone between 18 and 21, but now only auxiliary cadets from Niagara College are hired, Catherine Gillis, law and security faculty in charge of the cadet program, said. Auxiliary cadets have been hired by the force for three years.

Depending on the officer to whom students are assigned, they may perform duties in court, identification, criminal investigations, administration, patrolling, or community relations. Uniforms are provided by the force and cadets do not carry firearms.

Cadets are assessed by their supervising officers over their 100 hours of service. This assessment is kept on file by the force as a reference if students apply for jobs later, Ms. Gillis said.

"It's a very good opportunity," Ms. Gillis said of the cadet program. "One of our young students who did it last term was just hired by the regional force last week."

The cadet program leads to a "police education component" on the students' diplomas and lets students decide if police work is the career for them, Ms. Gillis said.

Prices rise 10 cents

Versa Services, Niagara's new caterer, hiked some meat sandwich prices by 10 cents last Monday.

Prices went up because the cost of the materials required went up, Jack Spittle, chairman of the food services committee said.

Mr. Spittle said the vendors told the food service committee they could not operate under the old prices.

"The food service committee felt in fairness we must raise prices—we don't want them operating at a loss," Mr. Spittle said.

It is the "realism of the cold cruel world," he said. But $1.15 for a sandwich is not unreasonable, he added.

No plane seats left

Students planning to take the Ft. Lauderdale trip offered by the Student Administrative Council during the March break will have to go by bus; the plane is full.

Proto Tours, the travel agency which arranged and booked the trip, will still be able to send "quite a few students if they want to come down," Ann Buller, SAC activities co-ordinator, said. But students will have to pay the full amount of the trip when booking, rather than putting down a deposit and paying the balance later. It is so close to the break the travel agency wants a guarantee the students will be coming.

"I'm really pleased with the student response. As far as I know, this is the best year ever — but that's as far as I know."

Ann credited this unusual student response to several things: the college did not have a March break last year; this year's trip is a good one, and "Donna (the secretary) and I worked our buns off."

Cheques must be made out to Proto Tours, Ann said. SAC does not accept any money.

Course may fall short if tourism picks up

By ELIZABETH LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

Niagara College is doing a good job of providing trained tourism employees, but would fall short of meeting industry needs if tourism in the Niagara region improved now, a Niagara College instructor has said.

Neil McGregor, chairman of the hospitality division, said new facilities and funding would be needed to keep up with demand if the tourism industry accelerates.

"We do as much as we can with our present resources," he said, but more resources are required.

A college-sponsored survey on hospitality and service illustrates the need for additional training and new funding, Mr. McGregor said.

The fourth part of the Where the Jobs Are survey results comes at a good time for the tourism program; last spring the college hired the Toronto consulting firm of Marshall, Macklin, Monaghan, Ltd. to investigate alternative methods of training, locate a site for a comprehensive training centre and determine new funding sources for the program. The survey results back up the claim for more funding, Mr. McGregor said.

The firm may recommend a college-run hotel training facility to the administrative affairs committee in a few weeks, Mr. McGregor said. "We wanted an outside opinion on whether to get into the hotel business." Students now get practical job training in the region's hotels.

IMPROVE IMAGE

Both the college's hospitality and service survey and a federal document cited in it, Tourism Tomorrow, recommend government and private industry measures to improve tourism's image. These measures are now being implemented and tourism is expected to be Canada's most important industry by the year 2,000, Mr. McGregor said.

Besides re-development, such as the $35 million Maple Leaf Village project and We Treat You Royally-style public relations campaigns, hospitality training is needed, according to both surveys.

Hospitality means being cheerful all day long, no matter what. While teaching hospitality is "an art in itself," Mr. McGregor said this training is given as part of Niagara's overall program.

High turnover and inadequate training in the labor-intensive hospitality field were cited in the Where the Jobs Are survey.

According to the survey, managers are reluctant to pay higher wages for trained workers; many employees feel exploited in minimum wage-paying jobs and present a negative image.

If the Niagara region is to attract more tourists and make them stay longer, it must provide more cheerful workers and additional services such as recreational and convention facilities, and guided tours, the survey found.

The college's role is to determine industry needs and meet them, Mr. McGregor said. That is why more funding and new facilities are needed, to meet the challenge of an improved tourist industry.

People not computers make difference

By WAYNE NICHOLLS
Staff Writer

People, not computers, have made the difference in turning a "slump" in the computer industry around, the president of Burroughs Canada, the country's third largest computer company, said last week.

Speaking at Brock University's Excellence in the Eighties speaker series, Thomas I. Csathy said the slump began in 1982 due mainly to a sluggish manufacturing sector. But now the industry is beginning to turn around and the next decade looks "very promising."

Mr. Csathy, who went to Burroughs in 1982 from IBM where he was corporate treasurer, said it was people, not computers, who made the difference in turning the $210 million dollar company around.

"When I came here in 1982, morale was at an all-time low. Over 44 per cent of our people left the once proud company" — whose founder in 1885 produced the first adding machine — Mr. Csathy said.

Allowing people their self confidence and bringing out their creativity is very importannt because "our strength in the future will be the creativity of our people. It is gratifying that in this automated world good people keep us competitive."

Mr. Csathy said consumer confusion and proliferation of the industry had led to a decrease in Burroughs' market and forced some companies into bankruptcy.

But as society continues to become geared to gaining information, while working with a "tool whose price is dropping like a stone, the return to black ink proves we are not an industry slowing down," Mr. Csathy said. "Like it or not, in the next decade, everyone will be associated with a computer."

The company used to send junior representatives to universities to screen applicants but now he and other senior management go. "It is important for us to choose who will run the company at the end of the decade when it will earn $1 billion."

There are six basic things his company looks for when interviewing, Mr. Csathy said.

Intelligence — "You cannot be dumb but you don't have to be brilliant. You must have common sense and sound judgment, but you must have the courage to make mistakes."

Self-confidence — "People who will question the status quo. People who are confident but not cocky."

Make things happen — "There are people who don't know what happens and people who watch what happens. We look for people who make things happen."

Passion for quality — "People who have a passion for quality are people who care. You can see this from the person working on a million-dollar contract or one who staples three pieces of paper together."

Good communications skills — "If you can't communicate, your concepts will get nowhere."

Well-balanced people — "Work is not the most important thing in life. If people go home after eight hours and play Clue with their children, they will be happy and ready to handle today's problems."

People can have these skills without attending university, Mr. Csathy said. "We have 12 top executives who have no university training."

In 1983, there were more computers in the world than people, Mr. Csathy said. "Even with this proliferation, we are an industry whose struggle it is to give society today's knowledge."

Jobs

Continued from page 1

Those students interested in running their own show may want to manage a work crew for painting, lawn and garden care, window cleaning or odd jobs.

"Starting your own business is great experience," Mr. McPherson said. "But those who want to get into management have to come up with the bucks."

Last year the federal and provincial governments offered interest-free loans up to $5000 to students who wanted to start their own business and Mr. McPherson expects they will be available again this year.

Only a few students took advantage of the loans last year, Mr. McPherson said. The detailed application and presentation required intimidated many students.

Students interested in seeking summer employment should contact the placement office.

Editorials

Expensive wheels

It is becoming a luxury to drive a car. Not a Mercedes or a Cadillac but any car. Even the family station wagon is becoming a prized possession.

Ontario motorists, who already pay the highest auto insurance rates in Canada, will be stung with even higher premiums in 1986.

Ontario's young people, especially men, are hit with a double whammy. In a survey released by NDP leader Bob Rae comparing insurance rates in Ontario and the three western provinces the results were astounding.

Based on a composite 21-year-old man with three years driving experience, a clean driving record and who drives a Plymouth Reliant, the survey revealed rates in Ontario are up to six times greater. That young man would pay $344 for insurance in Brandon, Manitoba, but $2,755 in Toronto.

Granted, Toronto streets are busier, there are more accidents and higher wage loss settlements but how can an increase of this magnitude possibly be justified?

For a student the problem becomes tenfold.

With the other costs of higher education — tuition fees, books, rent, food — it becomes unrealistic to think of owning a car when the insurance rates often exceed the car's worth.

It is time the government stepped in and regulated this irrational and illogical system.

Michelle Muylaert

OSAP loans not fair

A student with money is a rare breed and those who do still have a hard time making ends meet. Whether it's paying those endless bills or attempting to put food on their table (enough at least so their mother doesn't fatten them up when they go home because it looks as if they spent last semester in a concentration camp) it's a lesson well learned in budgeting. Not all students do it particularly well but the majority who do succeed should receive an accounting award along with their diploma.

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) comes to the rescue provided at the very least eight weeks can be spared in waiting. It seems like a great idea and everybody and everyone it seems is benefiting, except the one who really matters.

Ah yes... your parents make how much? No! Of course you're not eligible.

It's humorous that to secure a future, a student must try to explain to mom and dad they have too many assets, securing their impending future, and they must give these up.

Then there are the students who seem to have government assistance given to them on a silver platter, all the trimmings included. A friend getting grants and loans spends $10,000 a semester and gets a car to boot for Christmas finds it difficult to make ends meet and another requests an emergency loan because there is no money left from a loan already received, and goes to Florida.

There is a definite shortcoming in a system where all is fair; all is not fair. Those who play it honestly and fairly end up with bills owing well after the academic year is over. Once they are paid, lo and behold it's September again.

So as a promissory note becomes a student's biggest nightmare and an eviction notice is all that's there to greet him upon arriving home, remind them all to keep their chin up. Phone a friend and laugh about it; after all these are "the best years of their life!" provided the phone service hasn't been cut because the long distance feeling got to them.

Karolin Alkerton

Niagara News

Vol. 16, No. 8
Jan. 27, 1986
12 pages

D. J. Malone, Publisher
Austin Jelbert, Editor-in-Chief
Barbara Blue, Managing Editor
Eileen Muir, Advertising Manager
Gordon Lawson, Photography Consultant

Editor: Michelle Muylaert
Assoc. Ed.: Karolin Alkerton

The Niagara News is a practical lab for the Journalism-Print program, covering the college community and other areas of interest. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the management of the Niagara News or the administration of Niagara College.

Historic hill sees new action

The hazed sun shimmers in the late afternoon sky and maps a glistening path on the powdery slopes of old Fort George. While others dream of warm surf and sandy beaches, Shane Sherlock of Niagara-on-the-Lake glides over the crisp, sparkling snow where once his ancestors battled to ensure such simple freedoms. The pioneer spirit remains part of the scene as he wings his way down the hill on a modified skateboard.

Photo by Katherine Lee

Bullpit

Remembering heroes brings sense of unity

By BRIAN TRACY
Staff Writer

Watching the recent U.S. celebration of Martin Luther King and his accomplishments makes one wish Canada similarly celebrated the accomplishments of its worthy citizens.

Even if it seemed forced at times, the warmth and unity that the holiday celebration sparked could certainly be used here.

But even more than the simple unity, it provided a sense of identity Americans could easily adopt.

Who couldn't be proud of having a man like Dr. King as a fellow citizen or a father? A man who, despite any particular differences one might have with him, displayed great courage and decency in trying to make his dream a reality. A romantic who was willing to risk his life not to destroy a country, but to save it.

Dr. King joins Washington, Jefferson, Paine, Franklin and others in the American consciousness. This consciousness gives Americans identity.

Why not work for this in Canada?

Why not, for example, a holiday or celebration for Macdonald, Laurier, Cartier or Riel?

Maybe these men do not rival the scale or morality of a Jefferson or a King, but they too were vital in the creation of a great country. They helped form what Canada has come to be.

Not only would it give us a sense of unity and identity, but by celebrating these men, we would be celebrating ourselves.

With all the problems facing us today, we could use a little celebration.

Oops

Although the cutlines under the pictures on page 12 in the last edition of the Niagara News were correct, the wrong caption heading — Shorthand student wins award — was put under the Woolco-Woolworth Award picture (bottom of page). The secretary student was in the picture at the top of the page. The Niagara News regrets the error.

Up Front

A big night for Niagara College film students is coming up this Wednesday when their film, Up Front, has its premiere at the Royal Ontario Museum before an audience of 200. The film was commissioned last spring by the Civil Service Commission.

Picture perfect spotlight

Dear Editor;

Our staff were really pleased with the results of the "Spotlight" we received in the Niagara News this week. With January tours and English 200 projects in full swing the place is packed. The added publicity is great.

We were delighted to see Welland Vale and Mack included in the feature. The staff there often feel left out of things (as do the students) so the effort you made to include them is much appreciated.

Now that you students know there are "Real People" behind the scenes, the door is already open!

Many thanks!

Trish Labonte
Chief Librarian

Focus on Mountain House

Does the old house have heat today?

By SEAN CONDON
Staff Writer

Horticulture students run across a frozen front field to an old house on their campus property. As they rush through the frost, they ask each other whether there is any heat in the building. Today, surprisingly, there is.

When they open the door, they are greeted by a rec room with pale green walls, no overhead light, a boarded up fireplace and an aged ping-pong table. Across the hall is the living room: a peeling, dull orange home to second-hand chairs and a stiff sofa.

The place is Mountain House. For the students of Niagara College's Horticulture Centre, it functions as a cafeteria, lounge and study area for between classes.

Mountain House is also an eyesore which its patrons want to see repaired—at the college's expense.

"The students want something to get done for sure," second-year student Karen Smith said. "Being a satellite campus, we miss out on a lot of things the main campus doesn't."

THEY NEED...

What the students feel they are missing out on is a repair job on the floors, ceiling and washroom, new, attractive paint on the walls, some proper lighting in the rec room, a refrigerator and a radio.

Karen said the students told George Blazetich, chairman of horticulture and adult basic education, about the problems last year "but nothing ever happened."

Mr. Blazetich said he agreed fully with the students that facilities at Mountain House are inadequate.

BUT NO MONEY

"They certainly need furniture; they need appliances. However, it's a budgetary matter. We simply don't have the money."

He said the college budgets are still being anticipated and he will not know "for at least a couple of months" what to spend on Mountain House. "As soon as I get some money in my capital budget, I will look at new drapes, new furniture and an updating of the facilities.

"The best thing students can do is wait."

The students pass by a coffee machine with water puddling underneath and through a kitchen of lopsided cupboard doors. Onwards and upwards, they wander around the second floor. Up there is a peeling blue room, home to lockers without walls.

Hallways and rooms of varying shades of pink and orange lead to the washroom facilities. The students swear they haven't been planting things in the tub, but that the grime which coats the ceramic is the product of dust and old age. An on-the-wall paper towel dispenser is off the wall, and the toilet holds brown foam.

Students at the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines have had just about all they can take of their sadly decorated meeting place, Mountain House. Disgruntled students, including second-years Carole Storms, left, and Karen Smith, right, are gathered around the aged ping-pong table, which is the only source of recreation in the puke-green and off-pink house.

Photo by Sean Condon

SOME IMPROVEMENTS

There have been improvements in the last little while. The furnace kicked into operation two weeks ago. Boards which used to cover rec room windows are no longer there. The second-hand chairs in the living room are actually a new item. Students put up curtains for the windows. And the college offered $200 for the purchase of a refrigerator. (The students said they are still looking.)

They do not feel enough is being done to the leisure centre they maintain on their own.

"We pay a student fee, and people at the main campus seem to get more out of it," second-year student Carole Storms said, looking at a pale green—"puke green," instructor Peter Thompstone called it—wall.

Students said that Mountain House is the only place to go between clases. It's either go there or stand around the halls of the Horticulture Centre.

It's not such a bad place," Karen Young, a first-year student, said, closing the door. "It just needs some improvements."

Niagara instructor passes scuba test

Warm, clear world found beneath sea

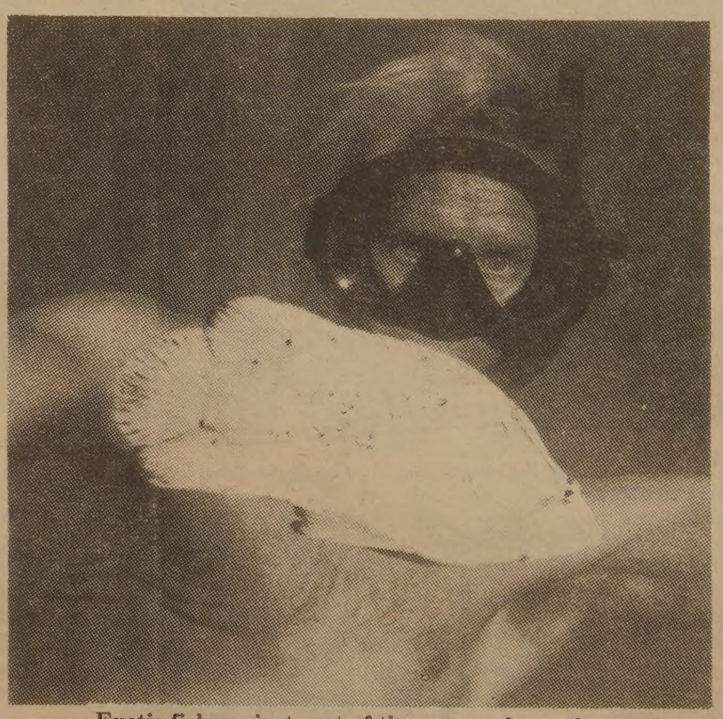
By ELIZABETH LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

Under the tropical sun, she sits on the edge of a boat, gazing into the sparkling waves of the Caribbean. Suddenly she leans forward, slips beneath the waves and is in a different world.

Just another Christmas vacation for Sandra Stewart, dental hygiene co-ordinator, and her dentist husband, Don, both card-carrying scuba divers.

While many faculty members enjoyed more traditional holidays, Mrs. Stewart and her husband were having "an absolute thrill" getting their scuba diving licences on the island of Tortola, in the British Virgin Islands.

The Stewarts' hotel in Tortola offered a Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) course, so they opted to finish their training and get certified there instead of waiting for the spring.



Exotic fish are just part of the scenery for scuba divers in the British Virgin Islands of the Caribbean.

Scuba lessons

The Stewarts signed up for PADI scuba lessons last summer from Dan's Dive Shop in Port Dalhousie. After completing the theory part of the eight-week course and some dives at the Brock University pool, they prepared for the final phase of scuba certification — four open water dives and one open water snorkel.

Scuba diving has always intrigued the Stewarts. They both love swimming and everything about summer, Mrs. Stewart said. After talking to someone who took a diving course, the Stewarts knew it was right for them. They plan to visit an underwater park in Curacao, Venezuela, during the March break.

To remind them of their Caribbean adventure, the Stewarts will have a unique souvenir of their last spectacular dives, to a shipwreck off the coast.

They are awaiting a videotape, made by a professional photographer, of the 80-foot dives.

It was an "absolute thrill" to dive through the clear, tranquil water to the wreck of the Rhone steamer, which sank in 1867 during a hurricane, Mrs. Stewart said. Some scenes from the movie The Deep were shot there. The dives to the wreck were the real highlights of the trip, she said.

The dive was taped while the Stewarts swam around the wreck. "Lights would come on you, attracting hundreds of fish," she said. "It was a different sensation being in open water than in the Brock pool."

Mrs. Stewart said she was amazed at how clear the water in the reefs around the island was and surprised by how far down she could see. It would be easy to get spoiled by diving in the Caribbean, she said, because of the variety of coral and fish. The warm climate helps too.

Although there is less spectacular underwater scenery around the Niagara region, there are some good diving spots, Mrs. Stewart said. In fact, Tobermory, at the end of the Bruce Trail, is known as the "Diving Capital of Canada."

Remain calm

Scuba diving is safe if the diver dosen't do "anything silly," Mrs. Stewart said. Divers are trained to be calm, breathe slowly and deeply, and think clearly.

Thinking clearly is something the Stewarts must do well; they both have their pilots' licences, although they don't fly much these days.

When Mrs. Stewart first started flying, she was one of few women in the region with a pilot's licence, but at the PADI course, almost half the students were women, and there was a wide age range, she said.

They made a lot of friends through the classes and at Dan's Dive Shop, where people with different backgrounds share a common interest. There's "always something happening" at the shop, Mrs. Stewart said. They even organized a New Year's day dive at Tobermory.

While an icy dip in Georgian Bay doesn't appeal to Mrs. Stewart, she is really excited about this new hobby. After all, "You only pass this way once."

Bake sales, draw to fund Quebec trip

The mid-winter weather may be dreary, but members of the Frenchship Club plan to put smiles on some faces and money in the kitty for their upcoming trip to Quebec.

Last Thursday a bake sale began a series of fund-raising events organized by the club. Follow-up bake sales are planned fo Jan. 28 and Feb. 6; both will start at 12:15 p.m. in the main foyer of the Simcoe building.

Tickets for the Feb. 12 Sweetheart Draw are now on sale for 50 cents each or three for $1. One lucky winner will receive a chocolate-filled heart.

The winner of the March Teddy Bear Draw gets a cuddly stuffed Teddy with a bottle of mid-winter cheer. Tickets are 25 cents each or 5 for $1, and will be available at the end of this week.

Club members will leave for Quebec March 2, returning March 8, and count on the proceeds from the fund-raisers to allow for a fun-filled cultural adventure.

Snow business

SAC has found a way to rid those February blues. They've planned a week of snow business — Winter Carnival week, Feb. 17 to 21.

The week will consist of a scavenger hunt, the return of hypnotist Casey Bones, a pub featuring Jeffrey and the Juniors and a mini-pub featuring Marty Bear.

Call for aid in cities as starvation spreads

Meat hangs in a local butcher shop. There is no refrigeration and no clean knives. The building is made out of straw with mud walls and a tin roof. People gather to watch the butcher work.

This is a typical scene, a typical building and an average day for people who live in Ethiopia.

The major buildings are beautiful, Hugh Mahoney, rotary member told the Rotary Club on Nov. 14. "Next to a beautiful hotel is a shoddy little village," he said. "Within a block, you could walk from a nice area of town into a slum." He showed the club slides of his trip to Ethiopia.

The hotels and hospitals are beautifuly built; the problem is there is no maintenance. In the hotels, phones and locks do not work. "You have to climb over the empty supply boxes to get into the hospitals," he said.

A man sits on the street with his sewing machine waiting for the opportunity to sew someone's pants, shirts, or jackets.

A familiar sight all over the cities is children begging on the streets.

The death rate in Ethiopia has reached 250-400 people per day as starvation has hit the main cities, he said.

"The need is there, the aid is being provided; the question is, is the aid getting to the people who really need it?"

After the United States gave $1½ billion in aid to Ethiopia in 1980, there was suspicion that food was sold to other countries and given to the army who was engaged in a fight against the rebels.

$ $ $

NEED MONEY ?

TO PROMOTE YOUR CLUB OR ORGANIZATION

LOOK TO

imprints

Custom screen printing and embroidery

FOR

INNOVATIVE PROMOTIONAL IDEAS

LET US HELP YOU

- PLAN EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS
- CREATE IMAGINATIVE DESIGNS
- INCREASE CLUB PROFITS

143 Hartzell Road
St. Catharines, Ontario
L2P 1N6 Tel. 641-1800

Comedian at Niagara

Instead of watching a movie in the Hamilton Room during the lunch break on Thursday, students will be able to enjoy the talents of a comedian, the Student Administrative Council activities co-ordinator Ann Buller said.

The comedian, who will cost between $200 and $250, will be "in place of a movie for one day."

Ann said she feels the expense is justified because the students pay for entertainment and she wants to give them things they will enjoy.

At press time, Ann was not sure who the comedian would be, but he or she will be coming from one of two places: Charlie Chan's in St. Catharines, or Yuk Yuks, a comedy cabaret in Toronto which is a showplace for up-and-coming comedian talent.

Live comedian entertainment worked well at Humber College when she used it there, Ann said. If it is as successful here, she would like to continue it, bringing in a comedian in place of a movie once a month.

Seven co-op students, five bilingual secretaries and two secretarial arts students, are working with the federal and provincial governments. Both programs have two co-op placements, one at the end of first year and one that started in January. Standing left to right are: Sheri Loucks, Lucie Dallaire, Laura Brown, Rachelle Campeau and Brigitte Bourdages. Sitting left to right are: Gina Rawden and Jeannette Mariage.

Photo by Audrey Barrick

Government co-op placement builds confidence of students

Working under a high government official is a job many people only dream of but for Gina Rawden it is a reality. Gina, a second-year bilingual secretary student, was accepted for a position as receptionist in the office of the Federal-Provincial Relations Branch which is under the direction of Premier David Peterson.

Four other second-yeai bilingual secretaries and two second-year secretarial arts students have accepted jobs with the federal and provincial governments as part of their co-op placement this year. All the girls, except Gina, who is in Toronto, will be working in Hull-Ottawa.

Irene Hanlin, program co-ordinator of the bilingual secretary program, said it was "an honor for Niagara College" to have Gina accepted when her competition included experienced civil servants.

COURSE REPUTATION

For Rachelle Campeau, bilingual secretary, it was the reputation of the co-op program that got her accepted for a second year at Canada Employment and Immigration. She did not decide to go back until later when the positions were filled but a phone call resulted in Rachelle getting special approval to go back.

The employers are willing to hire the girls over the phone without a face-to-face interview.

Brigitte Bourdages and Lucie Dallarie, bilingual secretaries, are working for Canada Employment and Immigration and Jeannette Mariage is working for Parks Canada.

There are only six students in the second year of the bilingual secretary course. The sixth student is working in the Region. Mrs. Hanlin said many girls find it too difficult or they fail. "We would get a lot more students if it were better known."

AT PARKS CANADA

Laura Brown, secretarial arts, is working for Parks Canada and Sheri Loucks, secretarial arts, will spend her second year with Communications Canada where they made the shuttle arm and do space research.

To work for the government does not require the girls to be bilingual. Both Sheri and Laura are not bilingual.

"It (working) gives you confidence in yourself because you know what you can do," Laura said.

Rosemary Cawthorn, co-op counsellor, said the government has requested that the girls come back. "The training provides what the government wants and the college has a good reputation," she said. Many people who have co-op placements with the government continue to work there after they graduate.

Auditions

SHERIDAN COLLEGE
Friday, January 31
Room B-122
Trafalgar Road
1-3PM

CANADA'S WONDERLAND
Saturday, February 1
Sunday, February 2
Canterbury Theatre
(Instrumentalists: Scandinavian Studios)
12-2PM (both days)

Please note that there are special audition and interview dates for specialty performers, pirates, technicians, escorts, ushers and usherettes. For further information, please call 416/832-8356.

Singers • Dancers • Instrumentalists • Technicians • Variety Performers
$210-$270/week

NOTE: Times listed are for registration. Actual auditions may last longer.

*Registered Trade Marks of Canada's Wonderland Limited
*Copyright Canada's Wonderland Limited 1986

CANADA'S WONDERLAND

Senate party successful thanks to student effort

The Welland Vale Senate's annual Christmas party for the students and their children was very successful, Jim Pringle, senate president said.

"At times, there were a lot of headaches trying to get the party organized and people to come, but it was all worth it. It was good to see all the children with smiles on their faces."

The Shrine Clown provided plenty of laughter for the 160 children who showed up Dec. 15 while the senate provided a present for each child making the gathering a great success.

"We accomplished what we intended to do," Jim said. "It was more organized than last year with more things to do."

"I hope next year's party will be even better than the one we put on."

Hostess Chips donated 200 bags of chips while Versa Foods donated oranges, apples, cups and plates. The doughnuts were compliments of Nectar Donuts and the ice cream was provided by Avondale.

The senate also organized a party for the students at the Queensway Hotel on Dec. 20, "the first party (for the students) this school has ever seen," Jim said.

Of the 80 students who showed up, there was not one complaint and a good time was had by all.

"It turned out to be a great success and we plan on having more in the future if the students are interested."

Good communication between the senate members is one of the reasons the parties were so successful, Jim said.

"There are no problems between us, no controversies between the senate members as in previous years.

"I have a lot of great people working for me that donate a lot of their time, not only the senate members but a lot of students too."

Although plans are still sketchy, Jim hopes student participation will continue in the Winter Carnival in February.

SAC shorts

Hotel pub

The Rainbow Hotel Centre in Niagara Falls is sponsoring a pub at the Aquaduck Jan. 29, Ann Buller, Student Administrative Council activities co-ordinator, said.

When the students approached SAC about how to raise funds, SAC suggested holding a pub, she said. Originally, SAC suggested having it in Niagara Falls, but the students felt there was a better chance of success if it was held in Welland.

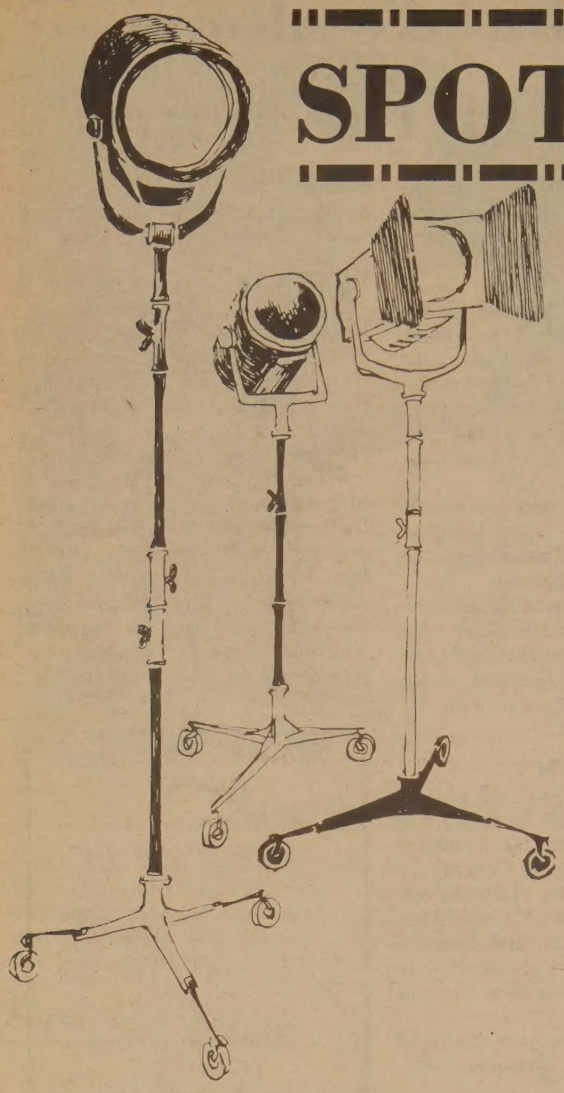
"They said they wanted it at the Aquaduck because they had heard SAC pubs there have been very successful and they wanted everybody to come," Anne said.

Euchre

A second euchre tournament is being planned before the first has been held — because the one being held tomorrow is full, Ann said.

A date has not been decided on yet, but the second tournament should be some time in the next month.

SPOTLIGHT on:

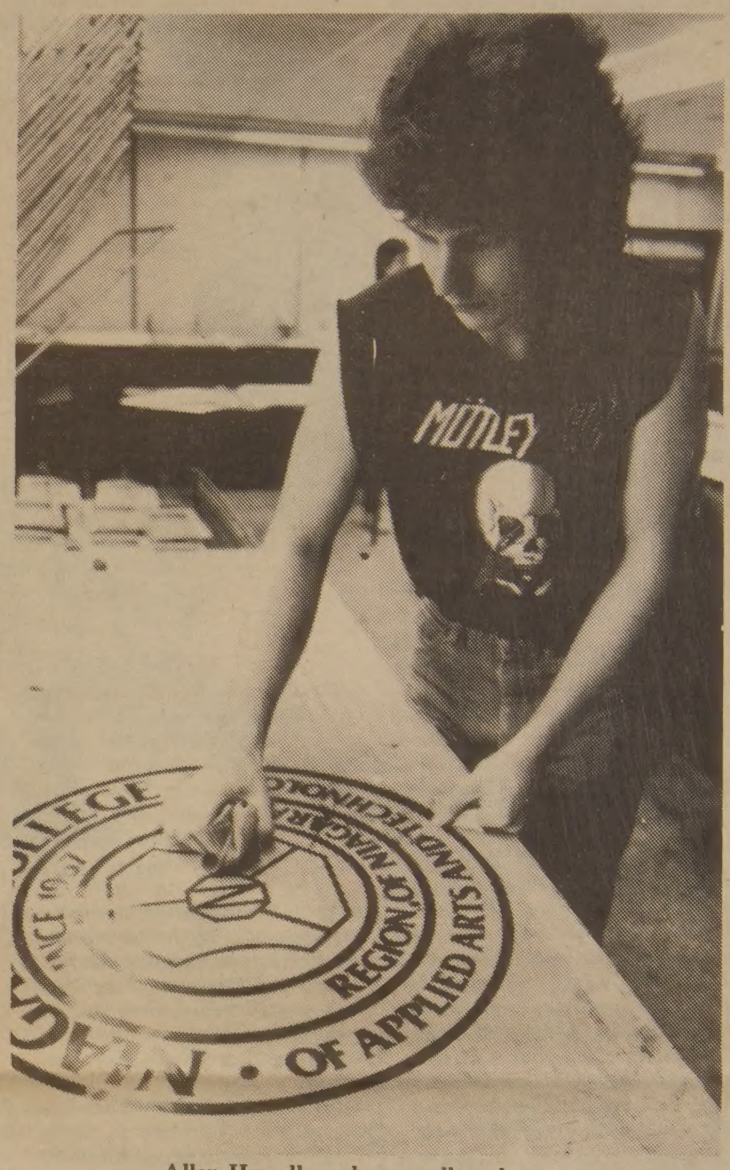


Fine lines and a steady hand produce artistic images.

Fine Arts

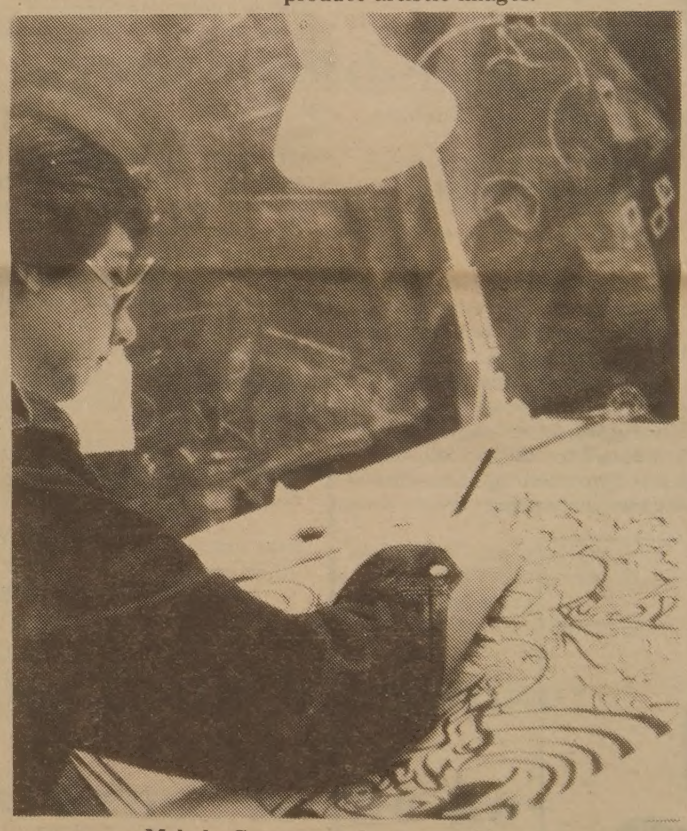
The fine arts course in the general college program offers students studio courses in oil painting, life drawing, lettering, and media, coupled with the history of western civilization and western or modern art.

Photos by Gordon Lawson, Michelle Muylaert, Katherine Lee and Nancy Roach.



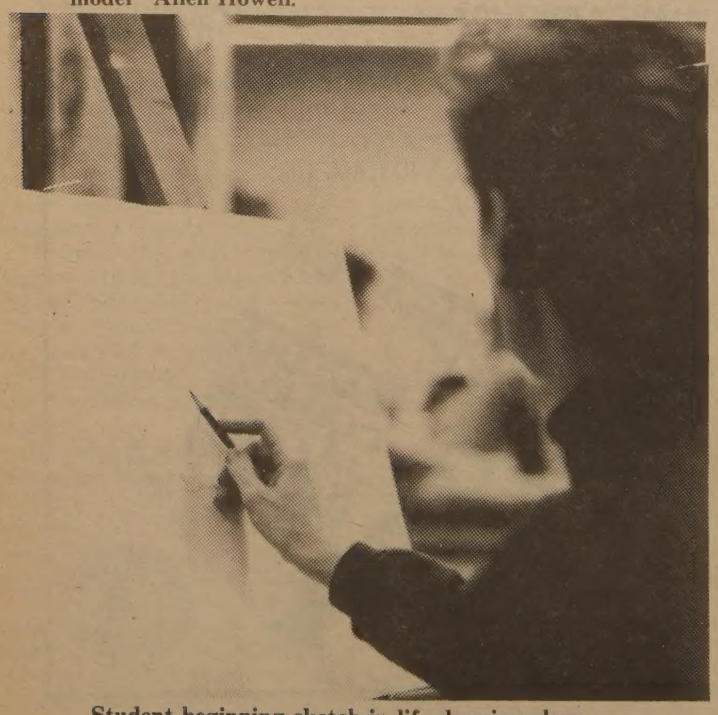
Allen Howell works on college logo.

Roswitta Paganin sketches "model" Allen Howell.



Melody Gagnon works on graphics.

Learning still life from real life model.



Student beginning sketch in life drawing class.

Melody Gagnon assists Allen Howell with silk screening.

Entertainment

New instructor stresses design

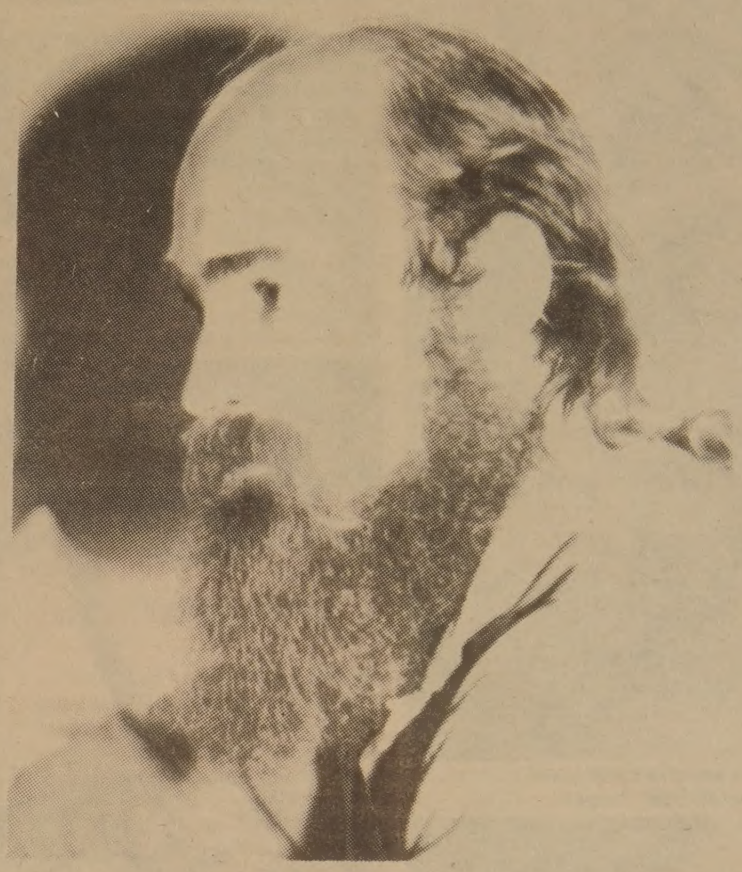
By MARIE CHAMBERLAND
Staff Writer

Rod Hillier often jokes that he's producing human photocopying machines for the theatre, but there's a method to his madness.

Mr. Hillier, new designer and scenic art instructor at the Niagara College Theatre Centre, strives to teach students to produce sets and props quickly, cheaply, and effectively.

For any theatrical design, the designer lays down specific images for the stage, he said. It's the job of the theatrical technician to reproduce those to the best of his ability, and that is the intention of Niagara's teaching.

The art of design comes into play when the technician adds his personal touch, having followed the designer's directions. Giving an example as he lit another Dunhill, Mr. Hillier said a designer can mark up a detailed voodoo mask on paper, but he can't tell the technician how to make it fit the actor.



ROD HILLIER

Pushed reality

"I push the reality of the situations the students will be facing when they leave here," he said, swinging a sandalled foot — which showed the lengths to which he will go for comfort, even in the face of cold weather.

Although Mr. Hillier said ideally he would prefer to put more emphasis on design in his teaching at Niagara, a good solid background in the tools of the trade and their best uses will help students in the long run to work with minimal supervision.

The soft-spoken 34-year-old resident of Niagara-On-The-Lake, divides his teaching time between Niagara and Humber College in Toronto. Of commuting two days a week he said, "In the same hour-and-a-half it takes people who live in the vicinity to take public transit, I can drink coffee, smoke cigarettes, catch up on Peter Gzowski and arrive (at Humber) relaxed."

Since his graduation from the University of Windsor in 1975, Mr. Hillier has designed for 60 or 70 stage productions, was for four years master painter at Toronto Arts Productions (now Centre Stage), worked for Theatre London and the National Ballet, and was a draftsman for the movie Bells, starring Richard Chamberlain.

Enjoyed film

Although he enjoyed the film work, which involved taking notes on everything right down to the doorhandles and hinges in rooms to be reproduced, he kept getting calls from the theatre. "You have to make compromises for a particular lifestyle," he said.

Having taught at Niagara three years ago, Mr. Hillier looks forward to two exciting shows between now and spring.

Jazz Band's album sales On The Move

More than 200 of the 1,000 On The Move albums recorded by the Niagara College Jazz Band have been sold in the first month since their release Dec.2.

"The concert scheduled for the same day to kick off the album release had to be cancelled due to the weather," Brian McKeown, continuing education services, said. "But we went ahead and released the album on that date anyway."

Mr. McKeown said the actual sales figure today is much higher as individual band members have sold some themselves.

Laura Thomas, who became the band's director in 1979, one year after it was formed through Continuing Education Services, wrote many of the arrangements for the tunes on the album.

UPBEAT ALBUM

On The Move is a lively, upbeat album with an easy-listening, big band sound. Costing $9 the album is available through Continuing Education Services, H 21; the college book store, the Fashion Arts boutique, SAC office and the main office of Welland Vale campus. It will be made available at the end of each concert.

The cancelled concert has to be rescheduled, Mr. Mckeown said.

COMPLETELY NIAGARA

This is a complete Niagara College production. The album jacket with its navy lettering set on a pale blue-on-white montage of the band's press clippings, was designed by Mr. McKeown who did the jacket's photography with Gord Lawson, photography instructor at the college.

The band performs regularly in the peninsula and has competed in the Canadian Stage Band Festival in the Open Community class. Its swinging approach to the material won the Bronze Medal of the 1982 National Finals in which they again competed in 1983 when it was in Calgary.

CONCERTS

Benefit concerts for which the band has performed include engagements for the St. Catharines CAT Scan Fund, the Niagara Falls Association for the Mentally Handicapped and the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival.

With their Twilight Jazz summer series of public evening-in-the-park concerts and their appearances with the Mohawk College Band at Mohawk's music department's Annual Scholarship Concert, they perform feature-length concerts with the Niagara Symphony Association's Jazz/Big Band series.

NATURE'S CREATIONS FLORIST
440 Niagara St.
Welland, Ont. L3C 1L5
735-3301

Remember your VALENTINE on February 14 with the Gift of Love FLOWERS from NATURE'S CREATIONS

Order early for best selection while quantities last
Cash n' Carry
Full time students -- 10% off
Student card required
735-6775 or 735-3301 after hours

Are You Looking for Work?

If you are 16 - 24, We have something for you:

- Job Counselling
- Job Search Workshops
- Job Placements
- Training Programs
- Career Information
- Academic Information

Information available at Niagara Square at the **Youth Employment Counselling Centre Booth,** Thursday through Saturday, January 30 - February 1.

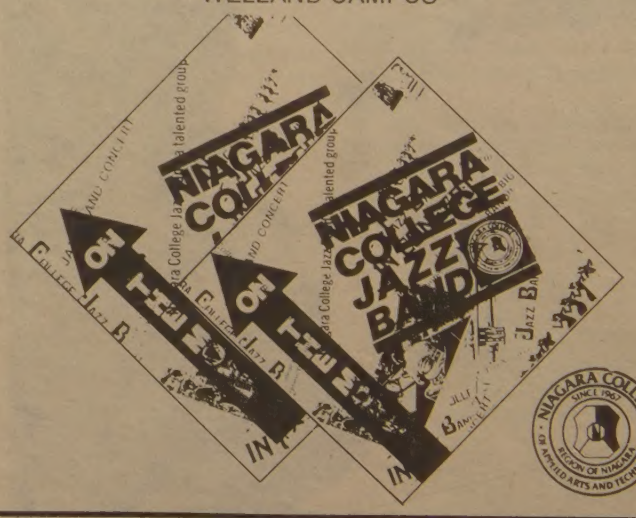
Niagara Falls Youth Employment Counselling Centre, 5166 Victoria Ave., Niagara Falls, Ont. L2E 4E3, 357-4422

Career House

Ministry of Skills Development Ontario

FUTURES
Training Ontario's youth for work

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER
WHO LIKES THE BIG BAND SOUND
OR
THE SOUNDS OF MODERN JAZZ?
WELL ....
WHY NOT SURPRISE THEM
WITH THE NIAGARA COLLEGE JAZZ BAND'S DEBUT ALBUM
" ON THE MOVE "
IT'S A GREAT GIFT FOR SAYING ....
HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... GET WELL SOON ... THANK YOU
AND IS ONLY $9 AT
THE BOOKSTORE AND FASHION CLUB BOUTIQUE
BOTH LOCATED AT THE
WELLAND CAMPUS



Stuck in the house again

Singing the blues because the wind and the cold have got you down? It's more relaxing inside anyway, to judge by Roy and Rachel Grabell. Just pull up a chair (or table), grab your favorite pacifier and read a good book or, if you are like Roy, let someone else turn the pages. The rain and cold temperatures forced the two to spend Saturday afternoon in the house.

Photo by Audrey Barrick

First aid lesson

Ambulance students teach tots what to do about accidents

Children will be taught emergency first aid when Ambulance and Emergency Care students visit their schools beginning in February.

The students will give first aid presentaions to Niagara Board of education elementary schools and attend high school career days to answer questions of students interested in Ambulance and Emergency Care as a career choice.

"The brunt of our presentation is for public schools," Rick Chandler, instructor, said. "It will be a practical demonstration using visual displays."

The presentations, done for the first time this year, will begin with an introductory film with an ambulance service scenario.

"We use kids in accident situations to show them what their job would be in an emergency," Mr. Chandler said.

The classes will then be split into three groups; one will look inside the ambulance, another will be shown basic CPR and the third will be shown basic first aid.

Younger students in Grades 4 to 6 will be taught how to call an ambulance and what information they need to give.

Children in junior kindergarten to Grade 3 will be given an introduction to the ambulance.

"We will show them things they can expect to see like the stretcher and oxygen mask," Mr. Chandler said. "It's sort of a safety elephant deal for students into a little more than just playing with the equipment."

Mr. Chandler has found enthusiasm for the presentations from both students and principals.

"The principals we've contacted are very excited about the program. The children pick up the procedures very quickly and enjoy it."

The ambulance students also hope to visit the special education schools in the area.

Knowing sense from nonsense: good common sense is the key

By SANDRA KISH
Staff Writer

Knowing the difference between economic sense and nonsense can mean the difference between being a successful business man and a business man who loses money, Peter Maurice, a senior vice-president of Canada Trust, says.

"I have no idea what is going to happen in 1986," Mr. Maurice told the St. Catharines Rotary Club Jan. 16. "I don't know anyone in the financial community who does...I'm here to tell you that you and I are not without forecasting skills."

His method, Mr. Maurice said, is to separate economic sense from nonsense, and use examples of economic nonsense to forecast. By watching for nonsense, investors can make more intelligent choices.

Mr. Maurice stressed the value of being on guard for nonsense by using good common sense. He stressed economic conservatism, saying it really works in the long term.

The biggest generator of nonsense is the government, he said. As examples of this, he talked about government-imposed rent controls, and deposit insurance.

Rent controls result in landlords scrimping on maintenance, levering up the prices of their buildings, and eventually cutting out maintenance altogether. The result is empty shells of buildings left to the city.

Deposit insurance is more nonsense. During boom periods, new financial institutions are started, depositors—knowing they are protected—take a chance with them because they offer higher returns. When the economy slumps, these institutions suffer and the end result is a collapse.

FROM GOVERNMENT

"Politicians, instead of using common sense, say the problem was with the loans, but the problem was with deposit insurance," he said.

Mr. Maurice said there are ways to protect oneself against nonsense.

PROTECT ONESELF

"Take a long term view of the situation. The companies which add value in the long term are good investments..."

"Use expert advice but don't assume their opinions are better than yours. Your opinion is almost as good as theirs and if you apply common sense, it is probably better."

Be wary and discipline yourself, he advised. "Ask yourself how you are going to get money" out of investments. If you cannot explain it to yourself, it is probably nonsense.

The best way to behave, is to tell no one what you are buying or selling, he said. If you change your mind, no one knows.

"Stick to your guns. If you think something is good, and everyone says no but you believe in it, stick with it."

College music videos new recruiting tool

Niagara College is using visual technology to attract students to study here.

Several recruitment videos are being produced by the media services department to show "that Niagara College is a good place to go," Keith Lindberg, media services manager, said last week.

The purpose is to give potential students a better understanding of the program, especially students who "don't really comprehend" what is being offered, Mr. Lindberg said.

A two-part video tape for construction engineering was completed last week. The first part is a five-minute general presentation. The second part presents employers and graduates discussing the program and what happens after graduation.

A big problem for students is not knowing what a course is all about and what the job market in that field is like, Mr. Lindberg said.

PLAN OVERVIEW

A general overview video about the college is being planned. A "music-video" style is being planned to show all aspects of Niagara including academics, athletics, social life and the peninsula, Mr. Lindberg said.

The overview video, a co-production by John Parrett, registrar, and Foster Zanutto, director of information services, is designed to "create an image of the college," Mr. Lindberg said.

Another recruitment video completed last week, a technician survey video, is a 15-minute combination of employers and graduates talking about the program.

Other recruitment videos being produced, usually on the recommendation of a department, include four school of business videos which will vary between five and 10 minutes, a French languages video, and a continuing education production. Niagara is one of six Ontario community colleges designated bilingual.

Colleges have become more competitive in attempting to attract students. And students need to know the requirements for acceptance to programs so they can begin preparation in high school, Mr. Lindberg said.

It is hoped the videos will be completed by fall and placed in guidance offices at high schools and perhaps through video stores, Mr. Lindberg said.

The videos will be shown at the Pen Centre, Seaway Mall and Niagara Square Malls — "any way we can get them out," Mr. Lindberg said.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED: Gain valuable marketing experience while earning money. Campus representative needed immediately for spring break trip to Florida. Call Brad Nelson toll-free 1-800-423-5264.

URGENT — Student requires part-time ride for Monday and Friday's 8:30 a.m. class. Student lives in Lincoln Plaza area. Will compensate for service. Phone 735-7275.

WANTED — Japanese speaking students. The Niagara Parks Commission has summer jobs for students who speak Japanese. Contact Rosemary Cawthorn, at the Co-op and Placement Office, Tecumseh Centre, or Extension 789.

Tree mulch saves $$$

The end of the holiday season brought a windfall to the Horticulture Centre.

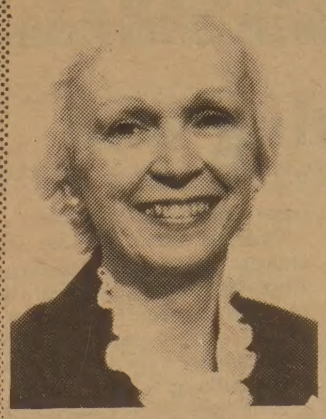
Thanks in part to the city of St. Catharines, the centre was able to save money on mulch by chipping up old Christmas trees. Trees in north St. Catharines were brought to the centre by a city-hired collector and made into mulch by students in practical horticulture using a city-owned tree chipper. The mulch is used to keep down weeds and retain ground moisture.

Peter Mansfield, horticulture co-ordinator, said chipping "several thousand trees" was a way to keep centre costs down.

FEB. 15
BASEBALL UNIFORM TRADE SHOW
at
imprints
Custom screen printing and embroidery
most maufacturers of
UNIFORMS ... BATS ... BALLS ... GLOVES
on hand to demonstrate
MASKA
RAWLINGS
SPALDING
BROOKS
COOPER
143 Hartzell Road
St. Catharines, Ontario
L2P 1N6 Tel. 641-1800

LIZANNE'S FABRICS
10% off
regular priced
or sale merchandise
with this coupon.
PENDALE PLAZA, ST.CATHARINES
685-7363

Conference gets work done



GOLDIE HILL

When the people who train social service workers get together for their annual conference, they don't just socialize — a lot of work gets done.

This year, Niagara College sponsors the three-day event at the Beacon Motor Inn, May 28,29 and 30.

Besides making decisions about common program objectives and employment prospects, the 40 educators expected to attend will discuss their last piece of business from last year's conference — a training profile they helped to create.

Niagara was one of 16 Ontario colleges which worked with the new Ministry of Skills Development to produce an "all-encompassing" document, Goldie Hill, social service worker program co-ordinator, said.

The training profile was started about three years ago to make sure the colleges' curricula give graduates skills they need. The document is "hot off the press" and is still being digested, Mrs. Hill said.

This year's conference agenda has not been set but topics might include social worker advocacy on behalf of clients, program objectives and consistency of training, Mrs. Hill said.

Fortress in winter

This quiet view of Fort from Niagara-on-the Lake belies the hustle and bustle of tourist crowds which both spots experience when leaves grace the trees and grey skies turn a brilliant blue.

Photo by Katherine Lee

Fascinating vacation

Working through SWAP

By MICHELLE MUYLAERT
Staff Writer

Spending the summer in the London fog or on the sandy coast of Australia may seem like distant dreams to most students but the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) is making dreams reality.

Margot Haldenby, SWAP co-ordinator, found many eager potential recruits when she spoke to a full house in the Secord Room Jan. 14.

SWAP provides a fascinating working vacation and anyone in any school in Canada is welcome to come aboard, Ms. Haldenby said.

In Britain, Ireland, Belgium, New Zealand and Australia, the countries involved in SWAP, students have worked at just about any job imaginable: sheep shearer, bank teller, chambermaid, bell-hop, office worker and farm hand.

The most popular destination is London and SWAP has three people there helping set students up with jobs and accommodation, SWAP arranges visas, airfares and provides two free nights accommodation. Also included is an orientation to give students a crash course on life in a strange city.

"We will tell them things like how to deal with an obnoxious landlord and how to get around on the tube."

Airfare to Britain is between $500 and $550 through Travel Cuts and a $135 registration fee is required.

DARING OPTION

SWAP Ireland is an option for students who are a little daring.

"If you are a little more adventurous and don't mind knocking on doors, SWAP Ireland is for you," Ms. Haldenby said. "You have to bve a little more gutsy to get a job."

Registration fee for Ireland is $70.

SWAP Belgium is a limited program.

"Students get jobs beforehand but they have to stick with it," Ms. Haldenby said. "If they don't like it that's tough."

Students must live with a local family and be fluently bilingual in French and English.

"You won't enjoy Belgium if you're an independent spirit," Ms. Haldenby said.

Registration fee for SWAP Belgium is $135.

GO SOUTH

New Zealand is a popular destination for young people and working visas are not available outside of SWAP.

"Canadians and New Zealanders have a wonderful rapport," Ms. Haldenby said. "They love us."

The expense of SWAP New Zealand may deter some students. The registration fee is $135 and airfare is $1,700. However, once you get there everything is "incredibly cheap" Ms. Haldenby said.

SWAP is offering working vacations in Australia for the first time this year.

Students should be able to travel through a lot of the country because of the amount of temporary work available.

"Australia is huge and it takes a long time to see it all," Ms. Haldenby said.

Registration fee for SWAP Australia is $135 and airfare is $1,729.

Fruit course

A fruit crop management course is being offered this term by continuing education at the Horticulture Research Institute, Vineland Station, on Wednesday evenings.

Mountaineers tear Knights apart

The Niagara Knights women's basketball team gave the first place Mohawk Mountaineers their best effort, but the clearly superior Mohawk team took no pity on the Knights, tearing them apart 81-23 last Tuesday night in Hamilton.

The score was 17-0 before the Knights hit the scoreboard almost nine minutes into the game. Mohawk outscored Niagara 20-6 for the remainder of the first half thus giving them a 37-8 halftime lead.

Mohawk controlled the entire first half and if it hadn't been for some off shooting by the Mountaineers, the score could have been higher.

The game was clearly out of reach for the Knights in the early going as the Mountaineers totally controlled the play and seldom gave up the ball without scoring a basket.

TROUBLES FOR BOTH

Both sides had low shooting percentages from the field, but time and time again the Mohawk team would come up with the rebounds, which usually led to points.

A large crowd was on hand for the game which turned into another blowout for the strong Mohawk squad.

The Knights did play somewhat better in the second half and the Mountaineers' sharpness tapered off, but not enough for the Knights to gain any ground.

Although behind by a tremendous margin, the Knights never gave up as the enthusiasm of coach Mizette Critelli seemed to pass on to the players.

Top scorers for Mohawk were: Marcine Blake with 15; Joanne Laforest, 11; while Claudia Deiulio and Debbie Rensen each added nine. Charlotte Prevost and Sue Sbrizzi led Niagara with seven points, while Donna Czainski, Marcy Vanderzanden and Mary Gaudet had two and Nancy Thomson had one.

SPORTS

Greco leads Knights

Best effort sinks Mohawk

By J. ANGUS GILLESPIE
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team, led by the outstanding performance of Frank Greco, came up with their best effort of the season last Tuesday in Hamilton, scoring a 78-75 victory over the Mohawk Mountaineers.

Greco was the hero for the Knights scoring the tying basket with just three seconds remaining to send the game into overtime.

Had it not been for the newly-acquired guard, the Knights probably could not have pulled off the upset. His sharp outside shooting is something the Knights were without before his arrival.

With a minute remaining in overtime, Fred Jashanmal hit two key free throws which put Niagara up 75-73. The basket forced the Mountaineers into a hurry-up offence which resulted in the Knights retrieving the ball. The Mountaineers were forced to foul, and with eight seconds left, Knight guard Perry Orosz sank two free throws to seal the victory.

TENSE TIME

The entire overtime period was filled with intensity as neither side could break more than two points ahead of the other. The more than 100 Mohawk supporters became very vocal in the game, as loud cheers were aroused every time the Mountaineers scored.

At the beginning of the game the Knights made many player substitutions. This seemed to work well as the pumped-up Niagara squad went out to an early 8-0 lead before Mohawk hit the scoreboard.

Greco scored the first two baskets of the game on a pair of 20-foot jump shots. Coaches Barry Golob and Russ Stevenson agreed he was the difference in the game. "He was a big thing in what we did tonight," Mr. Stevenson said. "In the overtime period we went with our five best players on this given night, but everybody contributed to the win."

Greco, a 23-year-old Niagara Falls resident, completed his studies at Brock University and joined the Knights after the Christmas break.

"I feel that my shot is the best part of my game so I either shoot or pass it in to the two big guys," Greco said. "We have a good team and I think we have a good shot at the playoffs."

Although he has only been in the league for a short time, Greco is not worried about being guarded more closely. "If they want to take away the 20-foot jump shot we can always go inside to Fred or Andy," he said.

Greco said the players were just great in accepting him and the three other new players right away saying that the team had to restructure itself somewhat in order to make room for them.

PROBLEMS FOR BOTH

The scoring didn't start until almost three minutes were gone into the start of the game as both sides had problems with accuracy, especially Mohawk.

Jashanmal was a dominant force inside, pulling down countless offensive rebounds and converting them to points. His job was made somewhat easier as Serge Bolzon, the regular Mohawk centre, and second leading scorer in the league, was not dressed for the game.

The victory improves the Knights' record to 4-7, just one game out of a playoff spot. Six teams advance to post-season play, and with Humber, Sheridan and Centennial having spots locked up, a close fight among five teams is under way for the reamining three positions.

Mr. Golob feels the team is finally playing at a level he knows they are capable of. "We are finally beginning to look like a team," he said. "In the first three minutes of overtime we were down, but we kept coming back, which shows this team has character."

The Knights will face their toughest competition this Thursday as first place Humber bring their undefeated record to Welland for a 7 p.m. encounter.

CLARE'S SPORT AND CYCLE 'S
Honda Honda
at
PRE-SEASON SAVINGS
Compare the prices of the brand new 85 Honda Rebel at $1859
to the new 86 price of $2685
SAVE BIG NOW.
A small deposit will hold till Spring
or
pay cash now... and save even more.
Watch for our HONDA OPEN HOUSE Saturday March 1.
CLARE'S CYCLE newly renovated 6 showrooms of motorcycles...The largest selection of new and used Honda's in Niagara.

Niagara Knight Kaye Smith snatches a jump-ball from Centennial player during the team's Jan. 17 game in Toronto. That was Kaye's last game for Niagara.
Photo by Heather Ritchie

Basketball playoffs out of Knights' reach

By HEATHER RITCHIE
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team lost its chance to compete in the college playoffs after a 47-28 loss to Centennial.

Coach Mizette Critelli said before the Jan. 17 game that even though the girls hadn't won a game all season, they could still clinch a playoff spot if they beat Centennial by four, Algonquin by seven and George Brown by three.

"Now we're going to think in terms of next year," she said after the disappointing loss.

She has already recruited two new players, Donna Stonos from Welland High and Sue Sbrizzi from Centennial. They both played in the Seneca tournament Jan. 3, 4, and 5.

A CALAMITY

That weekend was "a calamity of circumstances," Mizette said.

Only six girls showed up for the game; Charlotte Prevost and Sue got second and third degree sprained ankles; Karen Dwyer, team manager, had to dress and play in the tournament, without ever having played in her life.

Scores in that tournament were 90-10 for Dawson Que; 75-30 for Vanier, Que.; and 65-42 for Monroe, an American team.

"Our offence and defence got better each game," Mizette said.

Half-time score at the fateful Centennial match was close; Niagara trailed by four with 15.

Mizette explained the rapid spread in points in the second half; she and Karen Golob (assistant coach) threw a lot of new things at the girls.

CHANGED DEFENCE

We were changing the defence frequently and confusing Centennial, but the girls didn't collect themselves on offence.

"Donna Czainski drew four or five charges; I was pleased with that."

Donna saw things differently. "I don't think I helped the team any tonight," she said.

Mary Gaudet was top scorer for Niagara with 10 points. She scored the first eight out of nine.

Knights player Nancy Thomson felt the team lacked forwards.

"But with Marcy (Vanderzanden) and Sue coming back, I feel good about it," she said.

New players give effort

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team came up with a strong effort in their first league game of the new year but were defeated by a superior Centennial Colt team 77-59.

Centre Fred Jashanmal of the Knights turned in another outstanding performance equalling his season high point total of 27.

The Colts had five scorers in double figures and were in command from start to finish.

Both teams accumulated more fouls than usual, but the game moved quickly.

COACH CONFIDENT

Before the game, played at Niagara College Jan. 16, coach Barry Golob felt confident the remainder of the season would be brighter because of the addition of four new faces in the line-up.

Frank Greco, Shawn Fitzgerald and Perry Orosz have been added at the guard positions and Andrew Mosley will play the high-post forward spot.

United Nations useful institution, ex-ambassador John Holmes says

By MONTE SONNENBERG
Staff Writer

In the 40 years since its inception, the United Nations has been continually besieged by critics. Yet the present high degree of international integration on a multitude of levels would have been impossible without it, John Holmes, Canadian statesman emeritus and visiting professor of international affairs at Brock University, told a Rotary Club luncheon in St. Catharines Jan.9.

As a junior member of the Canadian delegation sent to San Francisco to attend the first meeting of the General Assemby in 1946, Mr. Holmes has been well-situated to monitor the UN's progress over the last 40 years.

"How could anyone trade, travel, or communicate without the UN?" Mr. Holmes asked, and with that he called the roll of UN accomplishments extending from past agreements banning piracy and slavery through to the recent and unanimous international censure of terrorist acts involving hostage-taking.

BEHIND THE SCENES

"The constructive work of the UN is done in all-night sessions behind the scenes," Mr. Holmes said.

"It is out of these sessions that agreements treating of maritime law, the uses of outer space, and international drug trafficking were drafted."

With the scale of global activity minimized by modern technology, there are few sectors in the international forum that have not felt the impact of the UN regulation.

"I would be inclined to say that if it were not for the World Meterological Organization, no plane from Singapore to St. Catharines would leave the ground, Mr. Holmes said.

"Without the World Health Organization, we wouldn't have been able to prevent the spread of diseases such as cholera."

"Today, the International Monetary Fund is dealing with the present debt crisis amongst Third-World nations and the International Association of Trade and Tariffs is working to counter the threats posed by trade protectionism."

"Without international bodies, we could not save the planet," Mr.Holmes said.

STILL FRAGILE

Yet, given the UN's vast potential for good, it remains a vulnerable and highly fragile institution.

"Reckless talk — reckless action may cause the whole structure to tumble, Mr. Holmes said.

The UN ultimately depends upon the active involvement of all significant international actors to maintain its credibility. Mr. Holmes cited the recent withdrawal of United States support for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as an example of conflict detrimental to the UN's long-term effectiveness. The US action was "unfortunate," as it comes at a time where the interests of Warsaw Pact nations and communist China are beginning to converge with the West's. It is the UN's function to ease these accommodations.

The UN, Mr. Holmes said, suffers a distorted image stemming from the media's pre-occupation with the confrontational rhetoric of General Assembly debate to the exclusion of progressive agreements forged in numerous backroom committees. Last year, disinterested Third-World nations drew up an agenda for the settlement of the Falklands dispute between Argentina and Great Britain and had their plan labelled an Argentine initiative in the media, leading British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to reject it as "bonkers," Mr. Holmes said. The media also reinforce the public perception that the UN is directed from "Moscow and Havana" by ignoring devastating Third-World invective delivered in the General Assembly against Soviet foreign policy in Afghanistan and Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia).

Forty years later, international expectations for the UN have changed. Something that has not changed, however, is the necessity of an agency co-ordinating international activity and serving as a forum for the resolution of disputes in an otherwise anarchic world.

"We have fewer illusions now than in 1946," Mr. Holmes said.

"We are not disillusioned, but more clear-headed."

"The UN — at least most of it — remains indispensable."

Sluggish economy hinders Marine course enrolment

The economy of the country is the cause of lower enrolment figures in the Engineer and Marine Navigation courses at the Welland Vale campus, Captain T. C. Robertson said.

"The economy is bad all over the world, shipping is hit pretty badly. The shipping industry revolves around imports and exports and when a country is not exporting or importing, we (the shipping industry) really feel the brunt of it."

The students enter the 10-week program after the navigation season is over to update their skills.

In 1985 the Marine Navigation Course had 98 students enrolled in the program compared to 50 this year.

"I had expectations of having 80 students but we hope to get 70," Capt. Robertson said.

The students come from lake and ocean ships to take the program that takes three or four seasons to complete.

It's big. It's Blue. And it's back in beer stores all over Ontario. Big Blue. Five hundred millilitres of the clean, true taste of Canada's favourite beer. So now you can call for the Blue. In a big way.

BLUE'S BIG BROTHER IS BACK.